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SUBJECT: SECOND IN SERIES OF BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN
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1. SECOND IN NEW SERIES BILATERAL TALKS WAS HELD MARCH 21.
2. VENEZUELAN PARTICIPANTS WERE: AMBASSADOR BURELLI,
MINISTER-COUNSELOR PAPARONI, COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR PIETRI,
FIRST SECRETARIES SILVA AND MISLE, AND THIRD SECRETARY
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3. US PARTICIPANTS WERE: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS,

AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SHLAUDEMAN, ARA OFFICERS BLOOMFIELD,

KNEPPER, DEVINE, JOHNSON AND SONANDRES, USOAS OFFICER
MCNEIL, AND POLICY PLANNING STAFF MEMBER EINAUDI.

4. FOCUS OF DISCUSSION NARROWED FROM WORLD SPECTRUM OF
MARCH 6 MEETING TO CONSIDERATION OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE
AND ITS REGIONAL PROBLEMS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS
LED OFF WITH OBSERVATIONS BASED ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO
SOUTH AMERICA AND EMPHASIZED "PERCEPTION GAP" BETWEEN

US AND LATIN AMERICAN VIEWS OF INTRA-HEMISPHERE RELA-
TIONS AS REASON AND JUSTIFICATION FOR CLOSER DIALOGUE
AT ALL LEVELS. HE NOTED WARM RESPONSE RECEIVED
EVERYWHERE, PARTICULARLY IN VENEZUELA FOR WHICH HE
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION.

5. BLOOMFIELD AND EINAUDI THEN SPOKE ON GENERAL INTER-
AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS AND PROBLEMS, WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MARCH 1 SPEECH AT
HOUSTON. THEIR PRESENTATION, COUPLED WITH VENEZUELAN
RESPONSES, BROUGHT OUT AMBIGUITIES IN BOTH US AND
VENEZUELAN POSITIONS AS MEMBERS OF INTER-AMERICAN
SYSTEM AND RESPECTIVE GROUPINGS OF DC'S AND LDC'S.

6. MCNEIL DEALT WITH THE OUTLOOK FOR THE OAS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND THE OAS REFORM ISSUE. HE HIGHLIGHTED
FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE US HAD DISPLAYED ON RIO TREATY
REFORM, AND INDIRECTLY REMINDED THAT VENEZUELA HAD BEEN
A PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARY OF THE TREATY OVER THE YEARS.
FINAL PRESENTATION WAS THAT OF KNEPPER WHO DISCUSSED
IN GENERAL TERMS COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND POLICIES OF
IMPORTANCE TO WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

7. VENEZUELAN PARTICIPANTS WERE IN GENERAL MORE FORTH-
COMING AT THIS SECOND SESSION. AMBASSADOR BURELLI SPOKE
OF GOOD IMPRESSION WHICH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS LEFT
IN CARACAS, OF GOV TRUST THAT TRADE ACT WILL BE AMENDED,
AND GREAT GOV EXPECTATION ATTACHING TO ANTICIPATED VISIT
BY SECRETARY KISSINGER. WE BELIEVE SECOND SESSION
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CONTRIBUTED IN SOME MEASURE TO FURTHER BUILDING OF SENSE
OF CONFIDENCE FOR FUTURE SESSIONS DEALING WITH BILATERAL
ISSUES. DATE AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING WILL BE
DETERMINED SOON. KISSINGER

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